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Dear Sir or Madam:

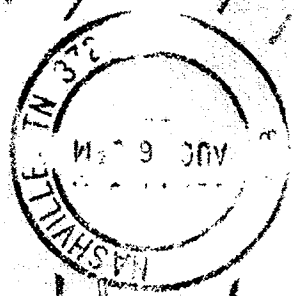
Tallas Tomeny was in my world history class during the Spring Semester, 1988. I found him to be an intelligent young man who demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the subject matter covered in my course.

It is with pleasure that I recommend him to you. It is my belief that Tallas would be a credit to the Air Force Academy, or to any other school that he might attend.

Sincerely Yours,

Thomas E. Partlow

Thomas E. Partlow
Teacher, World History



Your First Grandson

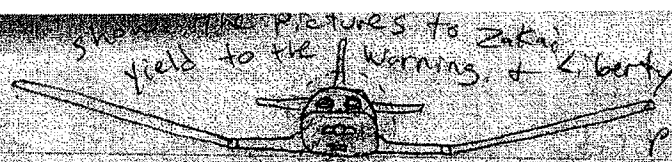
Mr. & Mrs. Tomeny

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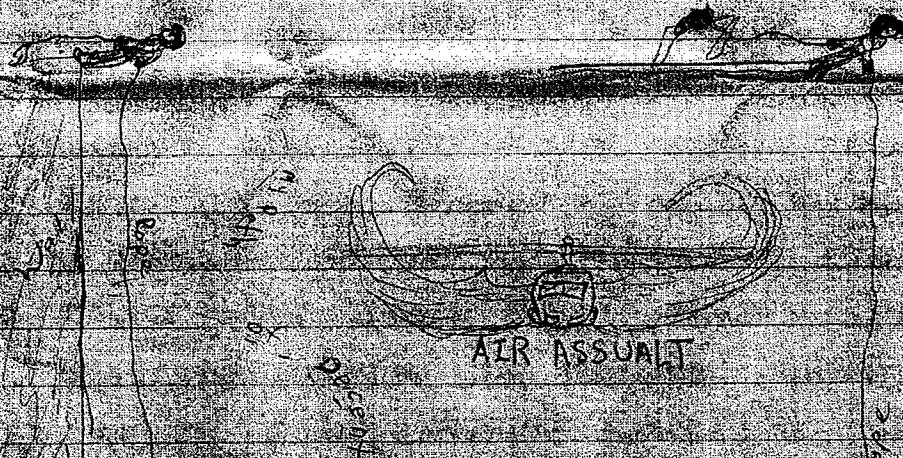
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Dear Grandmother & Grandfather,

Thank you for the money and especially the letter and your words of wisdom.

I have just returned from the Tena Wing Summer Encampment at Fort Campbell, Ky. It was indeed a challenge and adventure. I was a Flight Commander and responsible for 24 cadets. We slept in the open by Army barracks. During the course of the week we went thru many training courses and military briefings. Of course we also had road marches, drill, inspections, and late-night ready-alert calls. Some of the highlights were The Air Assault School at the 105th Airborne Division is the only one in the world. During our training with them we got to the top of their 35ft tower. This was easy stuff for me, since I had already done all of it at PSC (Parachute School Course). So we sat the example and went up first, when we hooked up and looked down - wow! 35ft is further from the ground than I thought. The Instructor told me to lean over the edge and go on three. I quickly answered "Clear Air Assault SET!!". Then I leaned over and relaxed. What's to worry? It was the Swiss seat that's holding me up myself. I was not about to walk down the wall like some rookie. I jumped out and after two push offs from the wall I was on the ground. Every one was Impressed. (1.) My self and my Commander were chosen for a

Greater challenge. We were the only two cadets picked. We were going to go off the side that has no wall!! Just like they do it when they repel out of choppers. That might not have been a problem... but we were going to also do it Australian style (face first).



This is how I did it
the first time

this is Australian style and
free style - no wall / face first

We went first and got our course parajumping our rope around our waist (the one the holds you). After being taught how to do it and then doing it we were all set for some training. We were at the Tower. We had a female senior member with us who decided to go for it as well. Then the shocker came. The Assault SGT told us to get our ropes up to the Tower now. I tried to explain that we had not done this before & needed at least one practice down the 10ft tower. No go!! You never talk back to an Assault SGT.

(2)

well we got up there and I once again started having second thoughts. None of us wanted to go first -- but I was only a Captain and my Commander was a Col. so -- The instructor gave me the instructions and checked my ropes. "clear Mr. Assault SGT!!" was my response. He told me to lean and I did. I could see the ground -- "on three go!!" he screamed "Three, Two, one!!" -- I released the grip on my break hand and in 1/2 a second I braked with the left to spare before impact with the ground. It was fast -- no time to think. I loved it (once it was over). We went thru a whole lot of other similar training. The 2nd Highlight was the flight in the CH-47 Chinook. This is a Helicopter used for cargo transport & has two rotors on top side. It was my first chopper flight and was great. We flew at tree top level at 120 Knots which is about 190 miles per hour. I loved it. It was very sad when we had to leave and I thought I miss everyone there and I do now. I miss our great encampment!!

Well, I'm back home now -- why can't I ever get a good ending? -- and school is the worst of all. I cannot make any less than a 4.0 GPA this & next year, then I'll have failed myself -- I can't live w/ failure. Mistakes I can handle -- so long as I learn from them -- never failure. We have to move in the next two weeks and school starts in the next two weeks (Aug 18, 1988). So finding a (3) place is a priority as it will affect my grades

If we move after school has already started

Well I have many other letters to write
(mostly people from the encampment) so please
know that I love you both & always will.
Tell NANA that I love her and take care
of her health. Please keep in touch I love
you both

Love

Tallas Aced Tomeny
Your First Grandson

P.S. All Zeks liberty that
I miss & love them

(4.)



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Dear Grandmother and Grandfather,

I apologize for the lengthy time it has taken me to communicate with you. I do hope everything is all right and that you are both in good health. I love you both and miss the family dearly.

*I am now enrolled in the **University of Tennessee** and I'm majoring in Aerospace Engineering. I'm also in the Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) Program and I'm a member of the **Ranger Team**. Thus far I have really enjoyed campus life. I am the team captain and coach of an Intramural Football team and I will probably be joining a Fraternity after this semester- I want to wait until I have some idea of how my grades will be. I'm taking the following courses right now: **Math 140, Chemistry 121, Military Science 101, Military Science 121, English 111, and Engineering Graphics**. All of them are tough. My total hours right now for this semester is 16. I have been awarded 16 semester hours already for my schooling as an MP. That means that I will have enough hours to be a sophomore after this semester.*

*My intentions right now are: To become an **Officer** in either the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot or in the U.S. Army as a chopper pilot. In both of these fields I will be able to make practical applications in my major as an aerospace engineer. I plan on retiring as an officer when I'm 37 years old and then work for either an Aerospace corporation like McDonald Douglas or for NASA. If I ever have the opportunity to become an **Astronaut** then that is definitely what I'll take.*

Of course right now I'm just trying to make it through my first year in college. I have not gotten a job here yet, but I'm sure I will soon. My hours available for one are very limited due to classes and studying. If I can make it through this first year and keep good grades then the ROTC program would take care of the rest of my years here with a full scholarship.

Well I'm afraid I won't be able to offer you two a great grandson, or daughter, for some time now. I have no intentions of getting married until I have retired and then can properly raise a family. Besides that I am really enjoying the Dating game here. There are two girls that I've had a little more than dating interests in- One is Taunia, who is a Pre-Law student here and the other is Stephanie, who is a Pre-Med student here. I have been more interested in them then the others because unlike the others they actually have character(still have beauty of course). So you can rest assured that when I do settle down your great grand children will be raised properly and comfortably so that they may proudly carry on the TOMENY name.

I am not certain whether I'll be able to come down for Christmas. I most certainly want to with all my heart, but I'm not certain how my time table will work out. I'll start saving up the money now and if all works out I'll be their over the holidays.

I'm going to try and write every one else sometime during this month, but please tell Liberty, Zakai, Lyn, Pixi, Bill, Tommy, Kathy, and little Mark that I love and miss them all. I really miss you both dearly. Please write back and if possible I ask that you send me a Bible. I have some small ones, but not a real concise one. I love you both and your always in my prayers.

Love



TALLE M. (Aunt) TOMENY

First grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Tomeny

Spc Tomerly Tallas Lt.

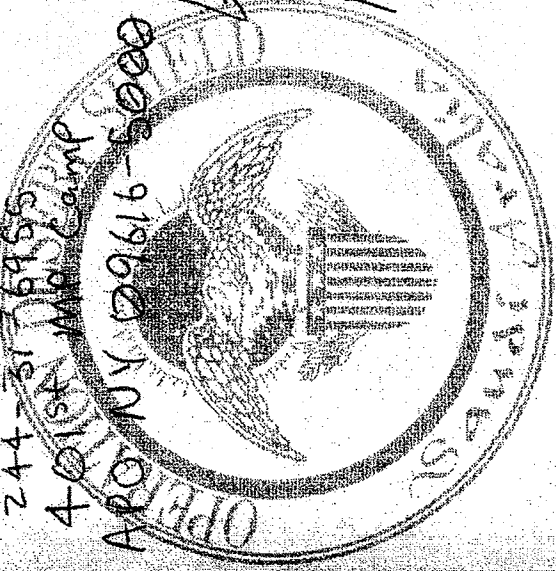
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Grandma, Grandpa, Pixi, Mark Jr, Kathy, Sgt, Liberty,
Zakai, Tommy, & Family,

Everything is going well.
I'm serving as an MP over here.
I've been everywhere in this
Country & my Mission duties
have varied. Currently in
battle zone near Kuwait,
can't tell you exactly where.
It's real hot during the
day and cold at nite and
in the morning. Glad I got to
talk to you before I left the
city. I Love you all and think
about you always. Liberty - congratulations
can't wait to see him. Zakai - I Love brother

Love, Tommy

Tallie

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Friday, April 3, 1992

Dear Grandmother and Grandfather,

I miss you all very much. I have not received, to date, any response to my last five letters now so I am kinda worried. Since my return from overseas I have been unable to recall the telephone number there and am not entirely certain of the address. As explained in my previous letters I have been involved in some very high tech training for the military since I graduated from Airborne school. It takes up every bit of free time I have away from school. However soon I'll be through it and then my only association with the military will be through the ROTC department here at Ole Miss. The semester is coming to an end very quickly now and soon I'll be a Junior. My degree is now

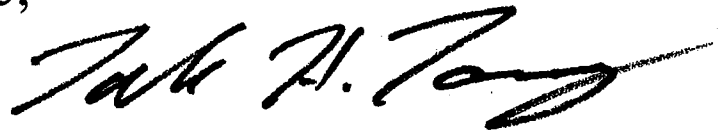
starting to get much harder. I still have not complexly fallen in love with mathematics yet, which is necessary for my engineering degree, but I'm trying. My Calculus course currently deals more with computers than mathematics and my physics deals only with mathematics and higher arithmetic. Science is no longer really fun to study- its just a bunch of formulas to solve and equations to derive.

I believe I mentioned in my last letter that I have fallen in love with a girl by the name of Donna Marie; Well I still am and engagement is not to far off and marriage when I get my degree. I would really like to get away one weekend and come down- perhaps now that my military obligations have been met I can start having weekends and plan my own life.

Well I don't want to write too much since I'm not really certain whether your receiving my

letters. If you do, then please write me...I am very interested in hearing news from the family. I miss you all dearly and love you lots. Your always in my prayers.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tallas H. Tomeny', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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